

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) ~~An apparatus including:~~

~~a cassette;~~

~~wherein the cassette is adapted for use in an automated banking machine;~~

~~wherein the cassette is operative to hold media therein;~~

~~wherein the cassette has an outer surface;~~

~~wherein the cassette includes a plurality of indicator members movably
connected thereto;~~

~~wherein each of the members includes an end thereof and an axis;~~

~~wherein the axis is generally perpendicular to the outer
surface;~~

~~wherein each end is operative to be moved between a first
axial position and a second axial position;~~

~~wherein at least one of the first and second positions is spaced
outwardly from the outer surface,~~

~~wherein at least one of the first and second positions is indicative
of data regarding the cassette~~

An apparatus comprising:

an automated banking machine cassette, wherein the cassette includes at least one
media storage area, wherein the cassette includes a movable partition operative to
direct media to at least one media storage area, and wherein the cassette is
operative to either automatically lock or automatically unlock the partition
responsive to movement of the cassette relative to an automated banking machine.

2-44. (canceled)

45. (new) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the cassette includes a partition lock arrangement, wherein the partition lock arrangement is operative to automatically lock the partition in a media directing position.

46. (new) The apparatus according to claim 45 wherein the partition lock arrangement is operative to automatically lock the partition during removal of the cassette from an automated banking machine.

47. (new) The apparatus according to claim 46 wherein the partition lock arrangement is operative to automatically unlock the partition during insertion of the cassette into an automated banking machine.

48. (new) The apparatus according to claim 47 wherein the partition lock arrangement includes a movable projection button, wherein the button is operative to engage a component of an automated banking machine, wherein the engagement is operative to move the button in a first direction, and wherein movement of the button in the first direction is operative to unlock the partition.

49. (new) The apparatus according to claim 48 wherein movement of the button in a direction opposite the first direction is operative to lock the partition.

50. (new) The apparatus according to claim 48 wherein the partition lock arrangement includes a torsion spring and a lock arm, wherein the torsion spring is connected to the partition, wherein the lock arm is operatively movable with the projection button, wherein the torsion spring and a lock arm are engageable to lock the partition.

51. (new) The apparatus according to claim 50 wherein the torsion spring includes an engagement hook, wherein the lock arm includes an engagement hook, and wherein the hooks are operative to be placed in locking engagement to lock the partition.

52. (new) The apparatus according to claim 50 wherein the cassette includes a partition drive lever located at a first side of the cassette, wherein movement of the lever is operative to correspondingly move the partition.

53. (new) The apparatus according to claim 52 wherein the partition lock arrangement is located at a second side of the cassette, wherein the second side is opposite the first side.

54. (new) The apparatus according to claim 53 wherein the torsion spring is operatively connected to the lever.

55. (new) The apparatus according to claim 54 wherein the torsion spring biases the partition toward a media directing position.

56. (new) A method including:

- (a) providing an automated banking machine cassette, wherein the cassette includes at least one media storage area, and wherein the cassette includes a movable partition operative to direct media to at least one media storage area;

(b) performing at least one of

(b1) removing the cassette from an automated banking machine, wherein the removing causes the partition to become automatically locked;

(b2) inserting the cassette into an automated banking machine, wherein the inserting causes the partition to become automatically unlocked.

57. (new) The method according to claim 56 and further including performing both (b1) and (b2), wherein (b1) is subsequent to (b2), and wherein (b1) and (b2) comprise the same automated banking machine.

58. (new) The method according to claim 57 wherein the cassette includes a partition lock arrangement operative to lock the partition in a media directing position, wherein (b1) includes automatically locking the partition in a media directing position.

59. (new) The method according to claim 58 wherein (b2) includes automatically unlocking the partition from a media directing position.

60. (new) The method according to claim 59 wherein the partition lock arrangement includes a movable projection button, wherein the button is operative to engage a component of the automated banking machine, wherein the engagement is operative to move the button in a first

direction, and wherein movement of the button in the first direction is operative to unlock the partition, and wherein (b2) includes engagingly moving the button in the first direction.

61. (new) The method according to claim 60 wherein the cassette includes a partition drive lever located at a first side of the cassette, wherein movement of the lever is operative to correspondingly move the partition, and further including

(c) moving the partition responsive to movement of the lever.

62. (new) The method according to claim 61 wherein the partition lock arrangement is located at a second side of the cassette, wherein the second side is opposite the first side, wherein the partition lock arrangement includes a torsion spring, wherein the torsion spring is connected to the partition, and further including

(d) biasing the partition toward a media directing position via the torsion spring.

63. (new) A method including:

(a) automatically changing the locking status of a compartment guide of an automated banking machine cassette responsive to movement of the cassette relative to an automated banking machine, wherein the cassette includes at least one media

compartment, wherein the guide is operative to direct media to at least one media compartment, and wherein the guide is operative to be locked and unlocked.

64. (new) The method according to claim 63 wherein the guide is automatically placed in a locked condition during removal of the cassette from an automated banking machine, wherein the guide is automatically placed in an unlocked condition during insertion of the cassette into an automated banking machine, wherein (a) includes automatically changing the locking status of the compartment guide during one of removal or insertion of the cassette relative to an automated banking machine.

65. (new) The method according to claim 64 and further including

- (b) subsequent to (a), automatically changing the locking status of the compartment guide during the other of removal or insertion of the cassette relative to an automated banking machine.